

App. No. 10/763,505
Amendment Dated: February 5, 2007
Reply to Final Office Action of December 4, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed December 4, 2006 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 20-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the disclosed invention is inoperative and therefore lacks utility. Claim 1 is objected to as it states "may span" which causes the last portion of the claim to be optionally recited and thus non-limiting. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Bixin Li, "Managing Dependencies in Component-Based Systems Based on Matrix Model" (hereinafter "Li"). Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Keller (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0046785). Claim 12 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 5, 14, 18-21 and 24-26 have been amended. Claims 27-29 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 8-10 and 12 have been canceled.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to as it states "may span" which causes the last portion of the claim to be optionally recited and thus non-limiting. In response, Claim 1 has been amended to recite in part "wherein some of the dependency information spans across the binaries and functions."

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 20-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the disclosed invention is inoperative and therefore lacks utility. Claim 20 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action recited that "Claim 12 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." In response, Claim 1 has been

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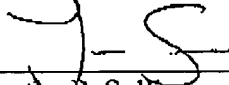
amended to include the recitations as found within Claims 12, 10 and 9. Independent Claims 14 and 20 have been similarly amended to include the recitations of amended Claim 1. The dependent claims have also been amended to correspond to the amended claims. Claims 27-29 are dependent claims that have previously been examined and now depend from either Independent Claim 14 or 20.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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